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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2006

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Sovereign Lord, sustainer of the universe, remind us today that a good reputation is better than wealth. May we protect our good name with prudence, civility, diligence and love. Keep us from hasty words, an impetuous tongue, and unethical actions.

May our lives inspire others to maximize their possibilities.

Lord, bless our lawmakers as they labor. May their work be like a special picture frame in which You portray Your grace and beauty.

We pray in Your majestic Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will re-

sume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 1, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

RECOGNITION OF ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting Republican leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today we are resuming debate on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 1, the Marriage Protection Amendment. It will be necessary to file cloture on the motion to proceed. Therefore, that cloture vote will occur Wednesday morning.

In the meantime, we have a number of Senators who wish to come to the Senate to speak to the marriage amendment. We are also working on an agreement for debate time during Tuesday's session. Under a previous agreement, at 10:15 tomorrow morning, we will vote on the nomination of Renee Bumb to be U.S. District Judge for New Jersey. That will be the first vote of the week.

I also remind all of our colleagues, on Wednesday of this week, we will have a joint meeting with the House to hear an address by the President of the Republic of Latvia. That address will occur at 11 a.m. Therefore, Senators

should be prepared to depart the Chamber around 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

I also remind all of our colleagues this week the Senate will address the death tax repeal, the Native Hawaiians issue, and the supplemental appropriations conference report when it becomes available.

RECOGNITION OF MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 4437

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4437, the House immigration bill; that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and that the text of S. 2611, as passed by the Senate, be substituted in lieu thereof, the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the chair be authorized to appoint conferees.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The objection is heard.

Mr. McCONNELL. If I may make an observation, as the Democratic leader knows, under the procedure that the

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